

Navy Orders One E-2D Aircraft Inside Major Support Contract



An E-2D Advanced Hawkeye assigned to Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 20 lands aboard USS Gerald R. Ford's (CVN 78) flight deck. *U.S. NAVY / Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Sean Elliott*

ARLINGTON, Va. – The U.S. Navy has awarded Northrop Grumman a contract modification to support the service's fleet of E-2D Advanced Hawkeye battle management aircraft and to build one additional E-2D.

Northrop Grumman Systems Corp. Aerospace Systems, Melbourne, Florida, was awarded a \$195 million contract modification from the Naval Air Systems Command to exercise options "to provide support services to include non-recurring engineering, software support activity and product support in support of E-2D Advanced Hawkeye Lot 9 full-rate production aircraft,

according to a March 31 Defense Department contract announcement. In addition, the action includes the procurement of one additional E-2D.

The Navy's program of record plans to procure a total of 86 E-2Ds. The Japanese Air Self-Defense Force is purchasing 13 E-2Ds.

The Navy is more than halfway through transition of its nine fleet airborne command and control (VAW) squadrons from the E-2C Hawkeye to the E-2D.